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HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 10TH, 1906.

WHAT IS "NEWS"? An apparently necessary excursion into the region of the obvious, these few notes may yet be of service. There are evidently enough people in Hongkong who require to be instructed on the relations of press and public. Requests to "keep things out of the paper" are familiar in all newspaper offices, and they have been perhaps more frequent here of late than usual; with, we fear, more of disappointment and soreness than is desirable. One recent correspondent makes the remark that certain news "could honestly serve no good purpose, and only satisfy idle curiosity". This is an excellent lead for a discussion of our opening question. Police news, the publication of which interested parties often object to and resent, is obviously to serve a good purpose. The public gets therefrom its knowledge of what is lawful and unlawful, of the penalties for crimes it might commit, and it learns who are wrong-doers and who are therefore to be avoided or at least watched. Political intelligence may not serve, out here, any immediately practical purpose, except as adding to the educational advantages of the people. Commercial information has, of course, its own patent value. Eliminate these items, and the papers would still give

a great mass of what is called "news". What good purpose does this large residuum honestly serve? Is it only to satisfy what the correspondent referred to calls "idle curiosity"? From the point of view of the newspaper, the question presents scarcely any difficulty. The newspaper supplies news to satisfy a demand, and if that demand lacks the most noble of justifications—if it is created by an "idle curiosity"—it is for the public which makes it to offer excuses, not for the journalist. Of course it is easy to understand the attitude of a member of the public who may suddenly and unexpectedly find himself or his friends the cynosure of this "idle curiosity", but has he any reasonable right to expect that a business undertaking, which a newspaper is, should make an exception to a rule of business which he or they had not previously found unpalatable? JOHN DOE reads an interesting newspaper report of a murder, say, in the family of RICHARD ROE, and enjoys it. Not in any offensive way is this meant; he is simply as keenly interested in such a story of real life, because it adds to his knowledge of unfamiliar aspects of human nature. His curiosity is as instinctive and universally implanted by nature; he can no more help it than the inquisitive antelope can forbear making a nearer inspection of the sportsman's fluttering rag. It may be an idle curiosity: many things in Nature appear to be idle; but we would have more respect for JOHN DOE's scorn of it if it had been manifested before he suddenly found himself in the position of being its object. We took the trouble to explain to one such aggrieved party that the publication or suppression of news was not a matter of editorial whim, but rather a question of fulfilling a contract. An editor, being human, may be full of human sympathy for the friends of RICHARD ROE, in their distress at the tragic event, but with the best will in the world to oblige, and if possible to "spare the feelings of the family", he must not forget that JOHN DOE wants to know all about it, that JOHN DOE has paid him to get the information for him, and that JOHN DOE will complain at once when he finds that his dues are being withheld. It is true that JOHN DOE's curiosity is sometimes too expensive to be gratified, that he yearns to know things that the law or his neighbours' collective good taste have decided shall not be published. That is the limit of editorial discretion; the law and the canons of decency the newspaper must observe and willingly endeavours to observe. But neither of these has so far declared such news as murders, &c., provide to be taboo, the public has decided in favour of its publication; and RICHARD ROE, until his friend either murdered or was murdered, acquiesced. No question was until then raised by him as to its good purpose, and he was made as to the idleness of the appetite for it. Is it fair that he should demand of a newspaper to make an exception to a rule with which he was formerly content, or that he should reproach its conductors as if the "idle curiosity" were theirs? Such news, to draw a simple illustration, may be said to be equivalent to the supply of pork hanging in a provision store on the sea front. There is a demand for pork; the storekeeper undertakes the supply, and no one dreams of regarding him as anything but a business man engaged in honest trade. But comes suddenly a very seasick passenger, and beholds the pork. It has a new and personal meaning for him. In short, it turns his stomach, the mere sight of it. "Put that horrid stuff away," he cries to the storekeeper, and explains his sorry plight. The storekeeper is sympathetic, and would gladly consider the passenger's feelings, but there is a run on pork, and he is compelled to be constantly exposing it to view. We may say that these remarks are prompted by the fact that we have been put in the position of that storekeeper, and have had to suffer a most extraordinary upbraiding from the sick passenger. It is the honest opinion of such a one that not one of our subscribers would clamour for details of events tragic in their nature and distressing to the concerned. In passing, it should be stated that we are not charged with giving details, but with mentioning that a murder took place in the house of RICHARD ROE, who would apparently find solace in his trouble if we deceived the aforesaid subscribers into believing that the murder was a case of measles. RICHARD ROE persists that the unpleasant truth "might have been easily avoided." We have tried, for the benefit of future applicants, to explain how such matters are not so easy as they may appear to the outsider, and why such favours should not be solicited.

Mr. R. Coughtrie has joined the Volunteer Corps.

The bandit Raisul has been made Pasha of Arsis, an Atlantic port south of Tangier.

There is another royal birthday to-morrow, that of the King of Italy.

Chinese troops are formally taking charge of Newchwang to-day (Saturday) from the Japanese.

The limit of value up to which parcels for the Straits Settlements may be insured will be raised to \$1,200 on 1st January next.

The Association of Lancastrians in China (numbering over 1,000 members) held its annual dinner at the Shanghai Club on Nov. 2nd.

There seems to be a doubt of the authenticity of the message that the America-Japan trouble in San Francisco has been amicably settled.

Shooting in connection with the Volunteer Rifle Club for the Rifle Association Trophy and Handicap Cup will take place at Tid Hong Range next Saturday, 17th inst.

The following telegram from Manila was received at the American Consulate yesterday: "11 a.m. The cyclone reported from Yap on the 6th lies at present east of North Luzon, moving north west."

During the month of October there were 233.4 hours of sunshine. The mean temperature was 81.9 which is above the mean of the last 20 years for October, while the rainfall, 1,320 inches, was below the mean for the same period.

A Labour Member, in introducing into the Natal Parliament a Bill which has for its object confining the issuing of trade licences to persons on the roll of electors, said that the Bill aimed at the competition—alions and collieries. He promised the assembly that a favourable reception of the Bill would revolutionise existing commercial conditions in South Africa.

A telegram from the N.C. Daily News says:—On October 21st, when four days out from Singapore, a fire broke out on the s.s. *Boron Ardrossan* (1,825 tons net) which is under charter to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. The seat of the outbreak was discovered to be on the fourth lower deck in the hold, and after two days' arduous exertion, on the part of the crew the flames were extinguished. The ship arrived at Yokohama at full speed and the valuable cargo in the fore part of the hold is totally undamaged.

Viscount Aoki, the Japanese Ambassador to the United States, reports that the crew of the "Toyouke-maru," who were recently arrested at Alaska by the U.S. authorities, have been acquitted from a charge of poaching preferred against them. The U.S. authorities were unable to produce evidence to refute the statement of the master of the vessel that the 35 seal skins concealed on board were obtained outside U.S. territorial waters, and U.S. judicial authorities ordered the Japanese to be released.

Considerable excitement was caused in Manila on November 2nd when it was reported that a Japanese officer, a captain in the engineer corps, was caught in the act of making sketches and plans of the government fortifications in those islands and when searched was found to be in possession of several drawings and outlines showing the positions of the forts in Cavite and Manila and also designating the possible landings for vessels, throughout the archipelago.

The Hongkong Hotel Co. Ltd. were "at home" yesterday from eleven to noon, in their new private bar in Pedder Street. This is a cosy new room provided by the recent structural alterations, and is intended as an additional convenience "for residents only". A large crowd of patrons and friends called, and Manager Hayes and staff were very busy for an hour receiving congratulations and off-ring hospitality. The occasion was seized to drink the loyal toasts appropriate to the day, with cheers and the inevitable "lager". The khaki uniform was very conspicuous. Before the crowd dispersed, the popular hotel manager and the establishment were also well liked.

On October 30th at Singapore, Captain Hainsworth of the s.s. "Hong Kee" and Dr. van Durt, medical officer of the same steamer, were charged with having failed to make a true declaration to the Port Health Officer as to the death of a passenger on board the steamer, and that they disobeyed the rules of the prevention of Disease Ordinance. The passenger was a coolie who died of cholera. The captain was discharged. The doctor, who admitted a mistaken diagnosis, was fined \$10, the magistrate remarking that he believed the accused knew all the time that it was cholera.

The *Fitz Press* comments strongly on the lightness of the penalty, remarking, "for the basest of motives—avoidance of the payment of money—the health of the community is endangered. It is a most serious case."

The following programme of music will be played at to-morrow's Fête in the compound of the Roman Catholic Cathedral by the Machado's String Band:—

March..... "Semper Fidelis,"

Intermission..... "Githa of the Saxon

Overture..... "Il Barbiero di Siviglia,"

Valzer..... "Floradora,"

Caké Walk..... "Anona,"

Barn Dance..... "Happy Darkies,"

By the Band of the Royal West Kent Regiment:—

March..... "Die Kaiser Brigade,"

Moller Overture... "Poot and Peasant,"

Supper Selection... "Tosti's Song,"

Poughkeepsie (Cornet Solo) "Sing me to sleep,"

Greene Value..... "Gold and Silver,"

Lohar Capricho Espanol "Morana,"

Espous Selection... "Carmen,"

Bitez Grand March "Pomp and Circumstance," Elgar

Great Britain and France have signed definitively a convention which was concluded in February in respect of the Anglo-French protectorate of the New Hebrides Island, Oceania.

It is notified that on and after 1st December next letters addressed to the Straits Settlements may be insured under the regulations in connection with the International Agreement for the Exchange of Insured Articles.

Colonel Charles Ellison Bates, on the retired list of the Bengal Staff Corps, who died at Carlton Woods, on September 24th, in his 86th year, served throughout the campaign of 1860 in China, including the action of Sino, the taking of Taku, the capture of the Taku Forts, and the surrender of Peking (medal with two clasps).

It is notified in the *Cassette* that His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in his name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinance passed by the Legislative Council:—Ordinance No. 15 of 1906.—An Ordinance to amend the Prepared Opium Ordinance, 1811.Describing the recent heat-wave, one of the London papers reported that "in London over a dozen cases of mosquito bite have been treated at the hospitals, and dozens more have been dealt with by local doctors." The *Japan Chronicle* remarks that in the east health healing is usually adopted in such cases.

The Marquardt concert party have returned from Canton, where they gave a well attended performance at the Club. They will give their farewell concert in the drawing room of the Hongkong Hotel on Monday next with a complete change of programme and a few requests. Tickets at \$1 are on sale in the hotel and by the Robinson Piano Co.

On the 21st of September the funeral took place at Nantes of Captain Bouguin, the late Military Attaché to the French Legation at Tokyo, who, it will be remembered was sentenced to imprisonment during the recent war for divulging military secrets. According to *Le Petit Phare* the remains were taken to Nantes for burial from Annecy, but the cause of death is not stated.A Service paper states that the War Office intends to teach officers to cook. Whereon the *Singapore Free Press* has the following jocular despatch.There was once a cavalry colonel
Who cooked in a way so infolonal
That the hardest private
Could barely survive it,
So great was the anguish involved.

A telegram has been received in Singapore from London giving the information that the Court of Arbitration sitting re the liability of the government to pay over \$300,000, being the balance of Revenue Account for the half year ending 30th June, 1905, to the company, has completed its sittings. (It has been remarked by one who is actively interested that considering that this money if due at all, was due in October, 1904, shareholders would doubtless like to see the government forced to pay interest on the unpaid balance.)

A singular action was heard at the Bow County Court, in which a baby sued, through her father, as next friend, to recover £25 damages from a pawnbroker for selling on her whilst intoxicated and damaging her nose. The baby's nose was put out of joint, and had to be medically attended. Council (to doctor)—"Baby's nose changes in the course of time, don't they?"—Oh, yes. His Honour Judge Smyly said he was satisfied that defendant did cause the injury, and it was a serious matter for a "young baby girl". There would be judgment for £17, with costs.

The *Japan Chronicle* remarks:—Further discussion of Japan's supremacy in Korea is futile; but foreigners—on behalf of the Koreans—should see that the Japanese methods of administration are just, and that the Koreans are "professed" as well as by name.

We have repeatedly reproduced in our columns reports of incidents happening in Korea which reflect no credit upon the Japanese authorities and it is not until such incidents are made impossible that Japan's protectorate—or annexation—can be approved of. But its actual existence must now be admitted, though the methods employed may not be all that could be desired, and the hopes of our Seoul contemporaries that intervention by the Powers is inevitable are, we think, doomed to disappointment.

Captain Harry Smith, of the O. and O. liner "Doric," left San Francisco about a fortnight ago for Liverpool, having been ordered by the White Star Company to return to the Atlantic service. He ranks third or fourth in the list of White Star commanders, and is, therefore expected to be placed in command of one of the best liners of that big company. For the past eleven years Captain Smith has commanded the "Doric," plying between San Francisco and Hongkong. He came out from Liverpool in command of the "Doric," in fact, and has been continuously in charge of the steamship ever since. He was formerly on the White Star steamer "Canic," "Georgic" and "Britannic" in the Atlantic. He has made his home in San Francisco ever since being in the Pacific service. Captain Smith has been regarded as a good and safe commander, and his record is a good one.

A communiqué issued by the war office notifies that Colonel Hammett has been struck off the army list. Those upon whom a vote of censure has been passed are:—Colonel Dewart Colone, Swire, Major Amery, Major Long, Major Reynolds, Captain Hunter, Lieutenant Morgan. Those who are to lose seniority in rank in the army are:—Captain Huntman, Captain Jackson, Captain King, Lieutenant-Colonel Morgan with clasp. He was gazetted major in May, 1865, lieutenant-colonel May, 1867, colonel April, 1872, and major-general October, 1882. From 1885 to 1888 he commanded the first infantry brigade at Aldershot. He was appointed colonel of the Yorkshires Regiment in September, 1902.

APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments are notified in the *Gazette* published yesterday:

His Excellency the Governor-in-Council has been pleased to appoint Arthur Chapman to be Secretary to the Commission instituted for the purpose of conducting an enquiry into certain matters set forth in Government Notification No. 390 of the 10th May, 1906, in succession to Cyril Francis Wogan Bowen-Rewell, on leave, with effect from the 1st instant.

With reference to Government Notification No. 837 of the 5th October, 1906, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned to be members of the Committee for the Wong-wei-shong and Queen's Recreational Grounds:—

Military Representative: Major H. J. Kolsall, R.G.A., vice Capt. I. R. S. Shinkwin, A.S.C.; Golf Club representative: Mr. D. B. Murray, vice Mr. C. M. G. Burnie.

It is hereby notified that His Honour Sir Francis Taylor Piggott, Knight, Chief Justice, has by Commission signed by him, appointed Robert Henry Arthur Craig, Esquire, Assistant Superintendent, Victoria Gaol, to be a Commissioner to administer oaths and take depositions, affirmations, and attestations of honour in the Court, so long as he shall hold the said Office of Assistant Superintendent of Victoria Gaol as aforesaid.

CUSTOMS HOUSES IN NORTH MANCHURIA.

EUSSIA'S CONDITIONAL AGREEMENT.

An official dispatch, which reached the Japanese Government on Oct. 30th states that M. Pokotiloff, the Russian Minister at Peking, had reported to the Chinese Government stating that Russia would agree to the establishment of Customs Houses in North Manchuria on condition that a free trade zone of 100 Chinese miles on the Russo-Chinese frontier should be marked out, and that Customs Houses should be established on the frontier between China and Korea. The decision as to the sites of the proposed Customs Houses and the date of opening will require further negotiations.

NOTICE.

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Letter's.

P.O. Box, 33. Telephone No. 12.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

SUNDAY, the 11th November, being the Anniversary of the BIRTHDAY of HIS MAJESTY VICTORIO EMANUEL III, KING OF ITALY, M. DE SZKEMTHY DE DAKASTO, Acting Consul for Austria-Hungary, in charge of the Italian Consulate General, will be at the J. & R. Consulate for Austria-Hungary, Prince's Building, Ice House Street, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hongkong, 10th November, 1906. [2073]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

WE BEG TO NOTIFY our Customers and the Public generally that large REDUCTIONS have been made in our Prices to adjust them to the Rate of Exchange now ruling. These reductions will come into force on the 15th November, 1906, and the discount of 5/- hitherto allowed will cease as from that date.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.,
Hongkong Dispensary,
Established A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 10th November, 1906. [2074]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship
"ARRATOON APCAR,"
Captain A. E. Ganthier, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 14th inst., at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th November, 1906. [2075]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"ARRATOON APCAR,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk, into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th Nov. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th November, 1906. [2075]

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

CLASSES are being formed for LADIES in the subjects of "FIRST AID" and "HOME NURSING," and it is hoped to commence at the end of this month. The Hon. Dr. ATKINSON will lecture at the VICTORIA HOSPITAL, Barkay Road, and Dr. KOCH, will lecture at ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE. Names should be sent in at once to the undersigned.

FRANCIS CLARK
"Brasseye" House, Secretary.
Macdonell Road.

Hongkong, 8th November, 1906. [2066]

EDUCATIONAL.

ENGLISH LADY desires Morning Engagement. Usual English Subjects and fluent French. Apply—TUITION," Care of "Daily Press" Office. Hongkong, 20th October, 1906. [1997]

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NEW and easy method of learning French in a few months, mainly by conversation by a Frenchman. Terms very moderate. Also Lessons in English by an English Lady, Apply by letter to—B. R.

Care of Office of this Paper. Hongkong, 16th August, 1906. [1577]

THE PUBLIC HEALTH & BUILDINGS ORDINANCE COMMISSION.

TAKE NOTICE that COMMISSION has been appointed to inquire into and Report on the following matters, viz.—

1. Whether the administration of the Sanitary and Building Regulations enacted by the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, as now carried out, is satisfactory, and, if not, what improvements can be made.

2. Whether any irregularity or corruption exists or has existed among the Officials charged with the administration of the aforesaid Regulations.

The Commission earnestly invite the inhabitants of Hongkong and Kowloon to co-operate with them by forwarding any complaint they may have to make or suggestion to offer in connection with the matters aforesaid to the undersigned.

Any person examined as a witness in the enquiry aforesaid who in the opinion of the Commissioners makes a full and true disclosure touching all the matters in respect of which he is examined will receive a certificate from the Commission which will protect the witness against any civil or criminal proceedings which may be instituted against such witness in respect of any matter touching which he has been examined.

By Order,
W. BOWEN-ROWLANDS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th July, 1906. [1381]

ENTERTAINMENTS

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

GRAND PROMENADE CONCERT

TO BE GIVEN IN THE KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB ENCLOSURE, Austin Road, Kowloon.

THIS EVENING (SATURDAY),

10th NOVEMBER, AT 9 P.M.

Admission 31. Tickets to be obtained from MEMBERS or at the GATES.

DEBT LOCAL TALENT SECURED.

Hongkong, 8th November, 1906. [2050]

AL FRESCO FETE

IN AID OF THE FUNDS OF THE

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT

DE PAUL

TO BE HELD IN THE

Compound of the Roman Catholic Cathedral.

TO-MORROW EVENING (SUNDAY),

11th NOVEMBER, 1906, from 9 P.M. to 11 P.M.

ADMISSION TICKET. 31, which is entitled to a Souvenir on its presentation at the Souvenir Pavilion on the evening of the Fête.

The public is respectfully invited to inspect the various stalls from 2 to 7 P.M. on the 11th November, during which time Muchado's String Band will be in attendance.

Ten and cakes will be served during the afternoon.

By kind permission of Lieut. Col. A. G. Fenton and Officers of the Band of the Second Battalion "The Queen's Own" (Royal West Kent Regiment) will play from 9 to 11 P.M.

TICKETS can be obtained from To-day at Messrs. GRACE & CO., Hongkong Hotel, and at the Roman Catholic Cathedral Compound on SUNDAY, the 11th November, from 9 a.m. to 7 P.M. and at the gate on the night of the Fête.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1906. [2021]

INSURANCES

MARINE INSURANCE.

I have This Day Established Myself in Shanghai as AVERAGE ADJUSTER and prepared to undertake the Adjustment of General and Particular Average and other Claims.

Telegraphic and postal address:
"WADMAN SHANGHAI,"
H. P. WADMAN,
Corresponding Associate
Association of Average Adjusters,
Great Britain.

Hongkong, 3rd November, 1906. [2036]

L'UNION OF PARIS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to accept Risks against Fire at current rates.

STIMMSEN & CO.,
Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [24]

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1905
£17,837,112.

1. AUTHORISED CAPITAL... 23,000,000
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL... 2,750,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL..... 687,500 0 0
2. FIRE FUNDS..... 3,365,720 19 8

The Undersigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept Risks against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOME & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th July, 1906. [1349]

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-LA-CHAPELLE.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept Risks against FIRE Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [31]

THE GLOBUS INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

Hongkong, 13th August, 1906. [1583]

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept Risks against FIRE at Current Rates.

CARLOWITZ & CO.,
Hongkong, 27th June, 1905. [43]

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Apply to—Mr. F. W. WATTS,

"Brasseye," 20, Mardonell Road.

Hongkong, 26th September 1905. [1751]

STORAGE.

For Coal, Timber, &c.

TO BE LET, a Portion of MARINE LOT

No. 289 at NORTH POINT, Suitable

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on PRAYA EAST. Approximate AREA

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For Particulars, apply—

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Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. [153]

NOTICES OF FIRMS

MITSU BISHI GOSHI-KWAISHA.

NOTICE.

DURING my Temporary Absence from this Port Mr. Y. SHIBUYA will take Charge of the Office of the above-named Company.

T. MATSUKI,
Manager.

Hongkong, 7th November, 1906. [2064]

NOTICE.

WE have Established Ourselves To-day under the Firm Name ULDERUP & SCHLUTER, Hongkong, as MERCHANTS and ENGINEERING

AGENTS.

T. P. ULDERUP, C. SCHLUTER,
Office 1 & 2, Beaconsfield Arcade,

Hongkong, 15th October, 1906. [1919]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, for ACCOUNT OF the CONCERNED,

TO-DAY (SATURDAY),

the 16th November, 1906, at 2.30 P.M. at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road (Corner of Ice House Street),

A SUPERB COLLECTION OF

JAPANESE GOLD DAMASCENE

WARE,

Comprising—

GOLD CIGAR BOX, INCENSE

BURNERS, INKSTANDS, FLOWER

HOLDERS, BROOCHES, SLEEVE LINKS

and STUDS, NECKLACES, BUTTONS,

HAIR PINS, &c., &c.

N.B.—There has never been an

exhibition of these wonderful Articles outside

Japan and suitable for Xmas and New Year's

present.

On view from Today.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS.—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 8th November, 1906. [2063]

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

CLOSING OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PARCEL MAILS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.
Parcels for the United Kingdom via Gibraltar posted up to 5 p.m. on the 16th instant are due in London on the 22nd of December, 1906.

With an additional fee of 60 cents, parcels may be sent via Brindisi and if posted before 5 p.m. on the 16th instant, would accompany the letter mail, which is due in London on the 15th instant. The subsequent parcel mail of the 1st of December via Gibraltar is scheduled to arrive in London on the 5th January, 1907.

The rates of postage on ordinary parcels to United Kingdom are as follows:-

For a parcel not exceeding 3 lbs. in weight	60 cents.
" 11 lbs. "	\$1.20
" 18 lbs. "	\$1.80

All parcels containing Jewellery or any article of Gold or Silver must be insured. This includes Silver or Gold mounted Walking Sticks or Umbrellas; all insured parcels must be sealed. The seals must bear the impression of a device or private mark. Coins must not be used for sealing purposes.

The Ernest Simons, with the French mail of the 12th ultima, left Saigon on Friday, the 9th inst., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 12th inst. This packet brings replies to letters dispatched from Hongkong on the 9th September.

Mail for CANTON, WUCHOW and SAMSHUI will be closed on week-days at 7.30 a.m. and at 6 p.m. until further notice.

FOR

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DATE

Manila	Zafiro	Saturday, 10th, 11.00 a.m.
Macau	Homen	Saturday, 10th, 1.15 p.m.
Singapore, Samarang and Souratay	Houzang	Saturday, 10th, 2.00 p.m.
Shanghai	Hanping	Saturday, 10th, 3.00 p.m.
Swatoe, Weihaiwei, Chien & Tientsin	Kueichow	Saturday, 10th, 3.45 p.m.
Swatoe, Amoy and Tamsui	Swatoe	Saturday, 10th, 5.00 p.m.
Swatoe, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Sunday, 11th, 9.00 a.m.
Macau, Zamboanga, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth	Homen	Monday, 12th, 1.15 p.m.
Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin (Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.)	Zafiro	Saturday, 10th, 11.00 a.m.
Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.	Zafiro	Saturday, 10th, 1.15 p.m.
Macau	Possum	Monday, 12th, 3.00 p.m.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Possum	Tuesday, 13th, 10.00 a.m.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C. and Seattle, Wash.	Possum	Tuesday, 13th, 1.15 p.m.
Swatoe, Amoy and Ningpo	Kaya Maru	Tuesday, 13th, 2.00 p.m.
Manila	Fukushu Maru	Tuesday, 13th, 3.00 p.m.
Kobo	Possum	Tuesday, 13th, 3.45 p.m.
Macau	Rubi	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 p.m.
Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin (Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.)	Possum	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 p.m.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)	Possum	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 p.m.
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)	Possum	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 p.m.
The Parcel mail will be closed on Friday, the 10th inst., at 6 p.m.	Possum	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 p.m.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)	Nippon Maru	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 p.m.
Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin (Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.)	Nippon Maru	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

IN ADVANCE.

A FINE SELECTION OF

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OF VARIOUS DESIGNS AND DESCRIPTIONS.

NOW ON VIEW.

10% DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

H. RUTTONJEE.

5, AGUILAR STREET, HONGKONG,

and

37 and 38, ELGIN ROAD, KOWLOON.

[2023]

Hongkong, 1st November, 1906.

TO-DAY.

The C.P.R. str. Ernest Simon left Vancover on Tuesday, the 30th Oct., a.m. for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The German str. Landgraf Schieff left Moji on the 5th inst. for this port, and is due to arrive on or about the 11th inst.

The str. Lightning, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 6th inst., a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 11th inst.

The I.G.M. str. Wedderburn, left Nagasaki on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 11th inst., at 4 p.m.

The P. & O. str. Peninsular left Singapore for this port on the 6th inst., at 10 a.m.

The N.Y.K. str. Sanuki Maru (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji on the 2nd inst., and is expected here on the 12th inst.

The J.C.J. Lijn str. Tjimahi left Meassan for this port on the 5th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 13th inst.

The C.P.R. str. Athlone arrived at Nagasaki at 7.30 a.m. on Thursday, the 8th inst., and left again at 2 p.m. same day, for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m. on Saturday, the 10th inst.

The C.P.R. str. Athlone arrived at Nagasaki at 7.30 a.m. on Thursday, the 8th inst., and left again at 2 p.m. same day, for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m. on Saturday, the 10th inst.

The str. Ros Bera left New York on the 23rd Oct., and is due here on or about the middle of December.

OPIUM.

Nov. 8th.

Quotations are— Allowances net to 100%.

Malwa New \$840 to — per pound.

Malwa Old \$860 to — "

Malwa Older \$860 to — "

Malwa V. Old \$860 to — "

Penang fine quality \$760 to — "

Penang extra fine \$760 to — "

Patna New \$320 to — per chust.

Patna Old \$350 to — "

Bengal New \$870 to — "

Bengal Old \$880 to — "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The T.K.K. str. Nippon Maru sailed from Yokohama on the 1st inst., and will be due at this port on the 12th inst.

The O. & O. str. Dorie sailed from Yokohama on the 9th inst., and is due here on the 19th inst.

The P.M. str. Alpha sailed from San Francisco for Hongkong on the 20th Oct.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. str. Ernest Simons left Saigon on Friday, the 9th inst., at 6 a.m., for this port.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, November 8th.

COMPANY. PAID UP QUOTATIONS.

Alhambra	\$200	\$120
Bank—		
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$117, sellers
National Bank of China	46	\$47, buyers
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	12s. 0d.	77, sellers
China-Borneo Co.	\$12	\$10, sellers
China Light & P. Co.	\$10	\$16, buyers
China Provident	\$10	\$9.25, sellers
Cotton Mill—		
Ewo—	Tls. 63	Tls. 72
Hongkong	\$10	Tls. 70
International	Tls. 75	Tls. 85
Loo Kong Mow	Tls. 100	Tls. 35
Soochow	Tls. 500	Tls. 125
Dairy Farm	\$6	\$18, make & buy
Docks and Wharves		
H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$50	\$10, sellers
H. & W. Doce	\$50	\$151, sellers
New Amoy Dock	\$50	\$103, sellers
Shanghai Dock and		
King Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 14
Shai & H. Wharf	Tls. 100	Tls. 132
Fenwick & Co., Coo.	\$25	\$22, sellers
Green Island Cement	\$10	\$10, sellers
Hongkong & Gas	\$10	\$175, buyers
Longkong Electric	\$10	\$15, buyers
H. H. L. Tramways	\$100	\$10, makes
Hongkong Hotel Co.	\$50	\$121
Hongkong Ice Co.	\$25	\$20, sellers
Hongkong Pipe Co.	\$10	\$13, sellers
Hongkong Waterboat	\$10	\$6, buyers
Insurance—		
Canton	\$50	\$100, sellers
China Fire	\$20	\$15, make & buy
China Traders	\$25	\$15, buyers
Hongkong Fire	\$50	\$302, make & buy
North China	\$25	Tls. 85
Union	\$100	\$773, sellers
Yangtze	\$60	\$105, sellers
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Co.	\$10	\$14, sellers
Humphrey's Estate	\$10	\$111, sellers
Kowloon Land & B.	\$30	Tls. 50
Shanghai Land—		
West Point Building	\$60	\$10, sellers
Mining—		
Charbonnages	Fr. 250	\$450, nominal
Rauba	13/10	\$9, sellers
Philippine Co.	\$10	\$5, sellers
Refineries—		
China Sugar	\$100	\$105, sellers
Luzon Sugar	\$100	\$12, sellers
Steamship Companies—		
China and Manilla	\$25	\$23, sellers
Douglas Steamship	\$50	\$40, sellers
H. Canton & M.	\$15	\$171, buyers
Indo-China S. N. Co.	\$10	\$73, sellers
Shell Transport Co.	\$21	\$17, buyers
Star Ferry—	\$10	\$125, make & buy
Do Not—	\$5	\$18, sellers
Shanghai & H. Dyeing	\$50	Nominal
South China M. Post	\$25	\$22, sellers
Steam Laundry Co.	\$5	\$15.75
Stores & Dispensaries		
Campbell, M. & Co.	\$10	\$32
Powell & Co., Wm.	\$10	\$15, sellers
Watkins & Co., A. S.	\$10	\$12, sellers
United Asphatas	\$5	\$15, buyers
United Phosphates	\$5	\$15, buyers
VENNOR & SMYTH.		

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS. Nov. 8th.

ON LONDON.—	Telegraphic Transfer	9/3 1/4
	Bank Bills, on demand	2/3
	Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	2/3
	Credits, at 4 months sight	2/3
	Documentary Bills, 4 months sight	2/3
ON PARIS.—	Bank Bills, on demand	280
	Credits, at 4 months sight	283
ON GERMANY.—	On demand	235
ON NEW YORK.—	Bank Bills, on demand	553
	Credits, 60 days' sight	57
ON BOMBAY.—	Bank Bills, on demand	170
	Telegraphic Transfer	171
ON CALCUTTA.—	Bank Bills, on demand	170
	Telegraphic Transfer	170
ON SHANGHAI.—	Bank, at sight	73
	Private, 30 days' sight	

THE REFORM MOVEMENT IN CHINA.

The traveling commissioners have not been long in making their influence felt at Peking. A short time ago their recommendations led to the edict promising the introduction of financial and administrative reforms, and holding out the hope of the grant of constitutional government. Now another decree has been published ordering the abolition of the use of opium within ten years, and commanding the Council of State to devise regulations for giving effect to the prohibition. That the reform party in China should be anxious to stamp out the opium vice is not surprising. Its ravages extend far and wide among the official class, as well as among the people, and indulgence spells eventual ruin to the character and intellect of the victim. The abolition of the use of opium in China will, of course, involve serious loss to India, whence a large portion of the drug is obtained. The declarations of Mr. Morley on the question show, however, that the present government will be ready to assent to measures restricting the importation, provided that the Chinese authorities prove themselves to be in earnest by their actions as well as their edicts. But the larger portion of the opium consumed in China is now grown in that country, and in view of the difficulties involved in eradicating a deeply-rooted practice and the present hostility to all foreign interests in China, it is impossible to avoid the suspicion that interested parties may turn the anti-opium agitation into a movement for arresting the importation from abroad for the advantage of the native grower.

The value of the new imperial edict will depend on the nature of the measures which the Council of State may draw up, and, above all, on the manner in which they may be executed. Without some change in the character and spirit of the official class it is hard to see how the edict is to produce much real improvement. The success of the efforts to stamp out the use of opium will, in fact, be bound up with the progress of the general movement of reform, of which it is an example and a result. There is no doubt that since the bitter lessons of 1900 progressive ideas have been gaining an increasing hold on the minds of the Emperor-Dowager and her entourage. But desire for reform does not imply capacity to give effect to the desire. During the last few years numerous decrees have been issued, aiming at the introduction of modern education, at the establishment of a new national army, and of a new system of police, and at the initiation of reforms in the chaotic currency system, and the baronial and antiquated legal procedure of the empire. But so far there has been little to show for all the edicts, schemes, and proposals of reform. Changes have been made only on paper, or else when actual results have been achieved they can be traced to the efforts of a few vigorous individuals, not to any general improvement in the system of administration, or in the character of the official class. The difficulties in the way of real reform are enormous. Nearly all the officials in power are men trained in the ancient system of education and though of late some have spent a few months in Japan the period has not been sufficient to remove the ignorance and prejudices of the past, and the only effect has been to fill their minds with a confused medley of new ideas, and to develop a dangerous belief in their infallibility. The slogan of public spirit, and the prevalence of corruption all through the official class, constitute a more serious obstacle than lack of knowledge or training, and render the prospect of any widely extended system of reform remote at present. The extension of the telegraph is bringing the government into closer touch with many parts of the Empire, but the vast size of the country, the absence of rapid communications, the long-established tradition of provincial independence, and the strength of local feeling still impose formidable restrictions on the control of the Peking authorities, and the application of any reform that may be deemed most expedient on the character and abilities of the officials in each district and province.

It is impossible, therefore, not to feel sceptical as to the success of an organised movement of reform directed from the centre. But the new attitude of the Chinese Court is important, inasmuch as it encourages progressive officials in the provinces to attempt measures of reform and development in the territories under their authority, while the weakness of central control at least frees them from the paralysing influence of the Peking authorities. The success achieved in different directions by the two great Viceroy Yuan Shih-Kai of Chihli and Chao-Chih-ting of Kuei-pu and Hui-nan, suggests that reform may perhaps first develop as a provincial movement. Both Viceroy's have shown themselves ready to make use of men trained abroad and to consult foreign advisers. Both have trained and organised troops on modern lines, and have established military academies, arsenals, and hospitals. Both have set up a system of new schools, where an attempt is being made to teach Chinese in a practical way, to give instruction in western subjects, and to inculcate national and military feeling by drill and patriotic training. The creation of colleges for teachers and for agriculture and industry, of new police forces, the improvement of the conditions of the towns, and some attempts at least to simplify and purify the methods of administration, are other examples of their reforming zeal. These developments, which have sprung into being during the last year or two, and which received an immense stimulus from the late war, undoubtedly constitute a striking advance on the conditions of old China. Many would have been deemed incredible six years ago. On the other hand, it is also true that most of the improvement is on the surface, and that it is often marred by various defects, which can usually be traced to failings in the character of those entrusted with their execution. These failings are, of course, the inevitable result of the long stagnation of the empire, which could not fail to produce moral as well as intellectual lethargy. Time alone can show how far the spirit of the official class will be improved by the introduction of young and vigorous men trained in Japanese methods, and by the influence which the growing sentiment of patriotism, and the enlarged outlook produced by the education which is to be expected to exercise on the Chinese mind in general.

At any rate, the hope of reform in China seems to depend on the success of the reforms now being begun in individual provinces. Their effect will not be confined to the limits within which they are applied. Every improvement in one province is an incentive and example to officials in other parts of the empire and to the central government. They also have an important educational effect on the people, stimulating the growing spirit of restlessness, and consequently vague aspirations on definite objects. At present officials often manipulate so-called reforms for their own advantage. But, the influence of the late war, of the many Japanese in China, of the new students and of native press, is producing a temper in the nation which may compel the official class to change its methods. Otherwise a dangerous hand would be given to the anti-dynastic party which is plotting, especially in the south, for the overthrow of the present regime.

THE PARABLE OF THE NUTS.

GERMAN THOUGHT ON BRITAIN AND THE REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS.
BY AN ENGLISH RESIDENT IN GERMANY.

The eyes of all German Imperialists are fixed with a peculiar intensity of interest upon Great Britain just now. Needless to say the apparently set purpose of this country to diminish its defensive and offensive land and sea power is accepted—with hardly concealed satisfaction—as a further indication of that decline in national vigour which German political students have for some time included in their calculations for the future.

I cannot better suggest the picture which we present to this penetrating people at the moment than by quoting the recent observation of a German friend—a man whose words are sometimes echoed in this country—during some references to the future influence of arbitration and the limitation of armaments, in whose interest certain weak-kneed Britons have been advocating the renunciation policy of the present Government:

"England must please herself although we cannot yet without some apprehension a growing weakness, which, with the certainty of a natural law, must ultimately produce displacement of power and consequently international disturbance. You have your Navy? Certainly! but see, my friend, in precisely the same way does a nut possess its shell, but if the kernel of the nut is withered and shrivelled the resisting power of the unshelled shell is very materially reduced. So with a nation. Nothing seems clearer to a close student of your race than that your navy is covering a withering and shrinking virility and vigour both of body and mind. And I ask you to consider of the result if two nuts—one kernel in sound, the other decayed—are crushed together in the strong grip of war.

"As for us your leagues of peace and international arbitrations are as the crackling of thorns beneath a pot. They can never abolish war, for in the society of nations interested, are so intertwined that the arbitrators states can never be impartial. Therefore, we Germans hold with your Lord Bacon, that war are 'the highest trials of right.' National existence is dependent on power, and Bismarck spoke for Germany to all time when he said, 'the only healthy basis for a great state is national selfishness, and not romantic idealism. Not by speeches and resolutions of majorities are great decisions decided, but by blood and iron.' So Germany my friend is determined to rely for her greatness on blood and iron and not on beautiful sentiments and foreign investments. The shell of the German nut shall be strong and hard, but behind that the sound kernel of a resolute and vigorous race."

Again, another very pregnant remark was made to me by a German merchant prince who has identified himself very closely with the colonial movement:

"Do not you, Englishman," he said, "ever stop to consider what interests you are when you talk about leagues for the preservation of international peace, now that you have got all the territory you can possibly want? But you must be very simple egoists as well if you believe that such beautiful sentiments will cause Germany to rest satisfied with the fact that while England has practically all the colonies, we shall better up—just the significance of such utterances if we realize that the foundation of Germany's political belief is that 'Macht geht vor Recht'—'Might is better than Right'; and so long as one powerful nation in the community of nations adheres to this faith it would be the height of folly for any other race or people to omit it from their defensive calculations.

Moreover, such a creed has too much historical foundation for us to ignore it. As another Swabian family, who came to the wilds of Prussia with a handful of settlers a few centuries ago, have created modern Germany. To might all states owe the title of their possessions, and by might only can their possessions be retained."

And here, touching the question of the maintenance of armaments, let me mention an argument which I have heard in the mouth of responsible Germans of high standing among their fellows, for it is an argument which rashly exposes the ostrich-like fallacy of estimating national economic progress without any comparative reference to that of our mercantile competitors and possible foes. Now, Germans when dealing with the question of armaments, are fond of quoting Bismarck's dictum to the effect that "it is true that great armaments are a great burden; but by our armaments we are able to conduct a kind of warfare with other nations, in which we give blow with our own sybath." On this text they argue that as their wealth increases they are enabled to employ a portion of it in the increase of armaments to very great advantage, not only in national protection, but in wearing down the resources of their competitors. The game of empire, they very justly argue, is a costly one; it is like bidding at an auction, and the richest wins. "Either," they say, "by the continuation of expenditure on armaments, we compel our rivals to pursue the same course or to retire from the contest." That Great Britain is beginning to flinch from the contest, and not that she is in any degree inspired by a genuine humanitarianism at the present moment—that, in fact, she is, in a comparative sense, on the down grade both economically and physically—is the main objectionable, in most ways. The stage presentation is, of course, an exaggerated caricature, but like Max Beerbohm's portrayals of his unfortunate friends and acquaintances, there is a foundation and a justification for the distortion. The best of Eastern sun does really seem to affect the Anglo-Indian's doubtless sweet original nature. 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